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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

FFP Missouri 16, LLC	Project No. 13753-002
FFP Missouri 15, LLC	Project No. 13762-002
Solia 8 Hydroelectric, LLC	Project No. 13771-002
FFP Missouri 13, LLC	Project No. 13763-002
Solia 5 Hydroelectric, LLC	Project No. 13766-002
Solia 4 Hydroelectric, LLC	Project No. 13767-002
FFP Missouri 12, LLC	Project No. 13755-002
FFP Missouri 5, LLC	Project No. 13757-002
FFP Missouri 6, LLC	Project No. 13761-002
Solia 6 Hydroelectric, LLC	Project No. 13768-002

## Notice Of Intent To Prepare Environmental Assessments And Revised Procedural Schedule

On February 3, 2014, February 27, 2014, and March 14, 2014, FFP New Hydro, LLC and its subsidiary companies filed a total of ten applications for the construction and operation of hydropower projects to be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps') existing dams on the Allegheny River (one project), Monongahela River (six projects), and Ohio River (three projects), respectively. The names and locations of the applicants' projects are as follows:

Applicant	Project No.	Projects	Capacity (MW)*	County, State & River Basin
FFP Missouri 16,	P-13753	Opekiska Lock	6.0	Monongalia, WV
LLC		and Dam		Monongahela
FFP Missouri 15,	P-13762	Morgantown	5.0	Monongalia, WV
LLC		Lock and Dam		Monongahela
Solia 8 Hydroelectric,	P-13771	Point Marion	5.0	Fayette, PA
LLC		Lock and Dam		Monongahela
FFP Missouri 13,	P-13763	Grays Landing	12.0	Greene, PA
LLC		Lock and Dam		Monongahela
Solia 5 Hydroelectric,	P-13766	Maxwell Locks	13.0	Washington, PA
LLC		and Dam		Monongahela
Solia 4 Hydroelectric,	P-13767	Monongahela	12.0	Washington, PA
LLC		Locks and Dam 4		Monongahela
FFP Missouri 12,	P-13755	Allegheny Lock	17.0	Allegheny, PA
LLC		and Dam 2		Allegheny
FFP Missouri 5, LLC	P-13757	Emsworth Locks	24.0	Allegheny, PA
		and Dam		Ohio
FFP Missouri 6, LLC	P-13761	Emsworth Back	12.0	Allegheny, PA
		Channel Dam		Ohio

Solia 6 Hydroelectric,	P-13768	Montgomery	42.0	Beaver, PA
LLC		Locks and Dam		Ohio

<sup>\*</sup>The combined generator capacity in megawatts.

On December 17, 2015, the Commission issued a *Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Preliminary Terms and Conditions, and Preliminary Fishway Prescriptions* (REA Notice) and a *Scoping Document 2* for each river basin, including the Ohio River projects (P-13757, P-13761, P-13768), the Allegheny River Project (P-13755), and the Monongahela River projects (P-13753, P-13762, P-13771, P-13763, P-13766, and P-13767). Each *Scoping Document 2* included a procedural schedule that included preparation of one multi-project Draft and Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for all ten projects.

Based on a review of the comments received in response to the REA notice, Commission staff have determined that the analysis of the proposed licensing action could be expedited for some of the projects with the preparation of three separate EAs; one for the three Ohio River projects, one for the Allegheny River Project, and one for the six Monongahela River projects. Potential cumulative effects for all projects will still be evaluated as described in *Scoping Document 2*. In addition, whether Final EAs are issued or not will depend on the extent and scope of the comments received on the EAs. Absent the issuance of final EAs, comments on the EAs will be addressed in any license order issued by the Commission.

The applications will be processed according to the following revised procedural schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

MILESTONE	TARGET DATE
Issue Ohio River projects EA	May/June 2016
Comments on Ohio River projects EA due	June/July 2016
Issue Allegheny River project EA	May/June 2016
Comments on Allegheny River project EA due	June/July 2016
Issue Monongahela River projects EA Comments on Monongahela River projects EA due	September 2016 October 2016

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